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U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/532,471 Our Ref. No.: 81784.0326

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Applicant(s)

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TITLE OF INVENTION		Image Pickup Device Which Combines Image Signals of a Plurality of Systems and Outputs a Combined Signal			
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DESCRIPTION

IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE WHICH COMBINES IMAGE SIGNALS OF A
PLURALITY OF SYSTEMS AND OUTPUTS A COMBINED SIGNAL

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Technical Field

The present invention relates to an image pickup
device which images a plurality of object images by using a
plurality of solid-state image pickup elements, combines
10 image signals of a plurality of systems obtained thereby and
outputs a combined signal.

Background Art

In an image pickup device such as a digital still
15 camera, there have been considered mounting a plurality of
solid-state image pickup elements in order to image a
plurality of object images, combining image signals of a
plurality of systems obtained thereby and displaying a
combined signal on a common display screen (see Japanese
20 Application: Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 64-
62974).

Such an image pickup device is constituted as shown
in, e.g., FIG. 4, and comprises a first solid-state image
pickup element 1a and a first signal processing circuit 2a
25 as a first image pickup system, a second solid-state image
pickup element 1b and a second signal processing circuit 2b
as a second image pickup system, and a switch circuit 3 and

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(9) Insert name of Assignee

(9) SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

(10) Insert state of Incorporation of Assignee

(10) Japan

(11) Insert address of Assignee

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(12) Insert identification of Invention, such as Title, Case Number or Foreign Application Number

(12) IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE WHICH COMBINES IMAGE SIGNALS OF A PLURALITY OF SYSTEMS AND OUTPUTS A COMBINED SIGNAL

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America and all patent applications in foreign countries corresponding thereto or based thereon.

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(13) on February 14, 2005

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